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Message: Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (transmittal in duplicate) and a Notice Of Appeal From The Examiner To The Board Of Patent Appeals And Interferences (in duplicate) for Serial No. 09/998,997.

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**Docket No.  
6933**

In Re Application Of:

**Gerald M. Sweitzer, et al.**

<b>Application No.</b> 09/998,997	<b>Filing Date</b> 11/30/2001	<b>Examiner</b> Edward J. Cain	<b>Customer No.</b> 59272	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 1714	<b>Confirmation No.</b>
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Invention:

**WATERBORNE COATING COMPOSITIONS**

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☐ design application.      ☒ utility application.      ☐ plant application.

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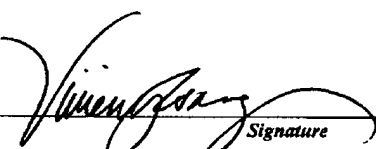
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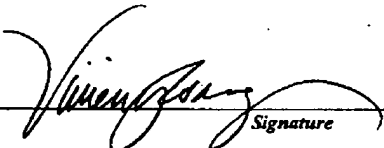
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Docket No.: 6933 ) Group Art Unit: 1714  
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Serial No.: 09/998,997 )  
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Filing Date: November 30, 2001 )  
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT**  
**ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for revival of this patent application abandoned unintentionally under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The patent application became abandoned unintentionally due to a clerical error. In the notice of April 2, 2007, it was noted in Part III that "[I]t is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability." As such, it appeared that no further action was necessary by the applicant. Thus, the abandonment of the application was unintentional.

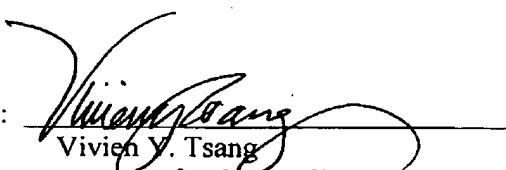


In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the application be revived under 37 CFR 1.137(b). A Notice of Appeal is also being submitted herewith.

Any fees resulting from this communication should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
GERALD M. SWEITZER, et. al.

By:

  
Vivien Y. Tsang  
Attorney for the Applicants  
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